

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY**

**Wednesday, January 23, 2008 3:53 p.m. Room 519 House Office Building, Lansing**

Representative Accavitti, Chair, called the meeting to order.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Representatives Accavitti, Mayes, Angerer, Brown, Clemente, Ebli, Hammon, Hopgood, Lemmons, Lindberg, Melton, Miller, Nofs, Palsrok, Garfield, Moolenaar, Horn, Opsommer.

**ABSENT/EXCUSED:** Representative Huizenga.

Representative Ebli made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of December 20, 2008. No objections being offered, a unanimous ballot was cast to accept the minutes as presented.

The Chair laid HB 5525 before the Committee.

HB 5525 Angerer Energy; conservation; energy efficiency; provide for.

Representatives Angerer and Opsommer spoke to the Committee regarding the contents of HB 5525.

Representative Angerer made a motion to adopt HB 5525 (H-2).

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**Yeas:** Representatives Accavitti, Mayes, Angerer, Brown, Clemente, Ebli, Hammon, Hopgood, Lemmons, Lindberg, Melton, Miller, Nofs, Palsrok, Garfield, Moolenaar, Horn, Opsommer. (18/19)

**Nays:** None. (0/19)

**Pass:** None. (0/19) (18/0/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Chair Accavitti read in cards submitted by the following individuals for HB 5525:

Mike Peters, representing the Michigan Electric Co-op Association, in support of the concept of the bill

James Clift, representing the Michigan Environmental Council, in support

Jackie Hadden, representing Consumers Energy, in support of the concept of the bill

Jim Weeks, representing the Michigan Municipal Electric Association, in support of the concept of the bill

Nancy Moody, representing DTE Energy, in support of the concept of the bill  
Doug Roberts, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, indicating a neutral position on the bill

Martin Kushler, representing the American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy, in support

Chuck Hadden, representing the Michigan Manufacturers Association, indicating a neutral position on the bill

Greg White, representing the Michigan Public Service Commission, in support

Greg Clark, representing Indiana Michigan Power, indicating a neutral position on the bill

Fritz Benson, representing ABATE (working with members on amendments)

Michael Patrick Collins, representing the Michigan Student Sustainability Coalition, spoke in support of the concept of the bill.

Representative Angerer made a motion to amend HB 5525 (H-2) as follows:

1. Amend page 7, line 23, by striking out subsection (4).

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**Yeas:** Representatives Accavitti, Mayes, Angerer, Brown, Clemente, Ebli, Hammon, Hopgood, Lemmons, Lindberg, Melton, Miller, Nofs, Palsrok, Garfield, Moolenaar, Horn, Opsommer. (18/19)

**Nays:** None. (0/19)

**Pass:** None. (0/19) (18/0/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Opsommer made a motion to report HB 5525 (H-3) with recommendation.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**Yeas:** Representatives Accavitti, Mayes, Angerer, Brown, Clemente, Ebli, Hammon, Hopgood, Lemmons, Lindberg, Melton, Miller, Nofs, Palsrok, Garfield, Horn, Opsommer. (17/19)

**Nays:** Representative Moolenaar. (1/19)

**Pass:** None. (0/19) (17/1/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

The Chair laid the following bills before the Committee.

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HB 5548 Mayes Energy; alternative sources; definition of renewable energy resources; clarify.

HB 5549 Palsrok Energy; electricity; renewable energy portfolio standards; provide alternatives for complying with.

Representatives Mayes and Palsrok spoke to the Committee regarding H-1 substitute versions of the bills.

Representative Mayes made a motion to adopt HB 5548 (H-1).

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**Yeas:** Representatives Accavitti, Mayes, Angerer, Brown, Clemente, Ebli, Hammon, Hopgood, Lemmons, Lindberg, Melton, Miller, Nofs, Palsrok, Garfield, Moolenaar, Horn, Opsommer. (18/19)

**Nays:** None. (0/19)

**Pass:** None. (0/19) (18/0/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Horn made a motion to amend HB 5548 (H-1) as follows:

1. Amend page 11, line 3 after "(4)" by striking out "1 1/2" and inserting "2".

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**Yeas:** Representatives Accavitti, Mayes, Angerer, Brown, Clemente, Ebli, Hammon, Hopgood, Lemmons, Lindberg, Melton, Miller, Nofs, Palsrok, Garfield, Moolenaar, Horn, Opsommer. (18/19)

**Nays:** None. (0/19)

**Pass:** None. (0/19) (18/0/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Chair Accavitti read in cards from the following individuals regarding HB 5548 and HB 5549:

Doug Roberts, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, indicating a neutral position on the bills

Michael Patrick Collins, representing the Michigan Student Sustainability Coalition, in support of the concept of the bills

Greg White, representing the Michigan Public Service Commission, in support

Chuck Hadden, representing the Michigan Manufacturers Association, indicating a neutral position on the bills

Matt Smego, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau, in support of the concept of the bills and removal of tie-bar

George Carr, representing WE Energies, in support of the bills (with amendments)

Mike Peters, representing the Michigan Electric Co-op Association, in support of the concept of the bills

James Clift, representing the Michigan Environmental Council, in support

Jackie Hadden, representing Consumers Energy, in support of the concept of the bills

Jim Weeks, representing the Michigan Municipal Electric Association, in support of the concept of the bills

Nancy Moody, representing DTE Energy, in support of the concept of the bills

Gary Melow, representing Michigan Biomass, spoke to the Committee in opposition to HB 5548 and HB 5549.

Andy Such, representing the Michigan Sustainable Energy Coalition, spoke in support of HB 5548 and HB 5549.

Representative Brown made a motion to report HB 5548 (H-2) with recommendation.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**Yeas: Representatives Accavitti, Mayes, Angerer, Brown, Clemente, Ebli, Hammon, Hopgood, Lemmons, Lindberg, Melton, Miller, Nofs, Palsrok, Garfield, Horn, Opsommer. (17/19)**

**Nays: Representative Moolenaar. (1/19)**

**Pass: None. (0/19) (17/1/0)**

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Eric Schneidewind, representing Energy Michigan, spoke in support of HB 5549 (if section 9 is removed)

Representative Nofs made a motion to adopt HB 5549 (H-1).

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**Yeas: Representatives Accavitti, Mayes, Angerer, Brown, Clemente, Ebli, Hammon, Hopgood, Lemmons, Lindberg, Melton, Miller, Nofs, Palsrok, Garfield, Moolenaar, Horn, Opsommer. (18/19)**

**Nays: None. (0/19)**

**Pass: None. (0/19) (18/0/0)**

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Palsrok made a motion to report HB 5549 (H-1) with recommendation.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**Yeas: Representatives Accavitti, Mayes, Angerer, Brown, Clemente, Ebli, Hammon, Hopgood, Lemmons, Lindberg, Melton, Miller, Nofs, Palsrok, Garfield, Horn, Opsommer. (17/19)**

**Nays: Representative Moolenaar. (1/19)**

**Pass: None. (0/19) (17/1/0)**

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Palsrok made a motion to excuse absent members. No objections being offered, absent members were excused.

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Accavitti declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 4:52 p.m.

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Representative Frank Accavitti, Jr., Chair

Catherine Petroskey, Committee Clerk  
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